

3.4 Determinants and Cramers Rule

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Determinant of a 2×2 Matrix

Determinant of an $n \times n$ Matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$|A| = a_{11}(a_{22}) - a_{21}(a_{12})$$

Ex: $\begin{vmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 2 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = 35 - 2 = 33$

$\det(a)$

$$i^{\text{th}} \text{ row } |A| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} |M_{ij}|$$

$$j^{\text{th}} \text{ column } |A| = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} C_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} |M_{ij}|$$

$$C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j} |M_{ij}|$$

Ex: $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = \sum_{j=1}^3 a_{ij} (-1)^{i+j} |M_{ij}|$

$$= 0 + 3(-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 7 & 1 \end{vmatrix} : 0 - 3(-33) = 99$$

$$= 5(-1)^{3+3} \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 7 & 2 \end{vmatrix} : 5(-3) = -15 \quad \left. \vphantom{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 \\ 7 & 1 \end{vmatrix}} \right\} 99 - 15 = 84$$

Ex: $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 2 & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 7 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 2 \cdot (-1)^{11} \begin{vmatrix} 5 & 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 3 \\ 8 & 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + 2(-1)^{12} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 7 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$

$$+ 3(-1)^{13} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 2 \\ 5 & 1 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 & 4 \end{vmatrix} + 1(-1)^{14} \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 5 & 7 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 \\ 7 & 8 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

Any matrix with a row full of all 0's, then the determinant of that matrix is zero

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 7 \\ 2 & 1 & 8 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$ iff $\det |A| = 0$ A is not invertible

nearly 0 = singular matrix

Let A be a square matrix

- If B is produced by interchanging two rows of A . Then $|B| = -|A|$
- If B is produced by multiplying a row of A by a constant K , and add it to another row $|B| = |A|$
- If B is produced by multiplying a row of A by a constant K , then $|B| = K|A|$
- $|AB| = |A||B|$
- $|A^{-1}| = \frac{1}{|A|}$ if $|A| \neq 0$

- $|A| = |A^T|$
- If A is triangular, then $|A| = \prod_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$
- If two rows or columns of A are equal then $|A| = 0$

$$\Delta = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 8 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Cramers Rule

For an $n \times n$ matrix A , with $|A| \neq 0$, denote A_i the matrix obtained by replacing the i -th column of A with \vec{b} .
The i -th component of the solution of

$$A\vec{x} = \vec{b} \text{ is given by } x_i = \frac{|A_i|}{|A|}$$

$$x + 2y = 5 \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \quad \vec{b} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$2x + 3y = 8$$

$$A_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, A_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_1 = x = A^{-1}$$

$$A_2 = y = A^{-1}$$